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An Eagle's Eye-View

By Col. Dave Watson

3rd Air Expeditionary Group Commander

Major Audie Artero, 3rd Air Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron Commander, will be leaving us this week. Major Edgar Surban will be taking the MSS reins from him. I take this opportunity to warmly thank Audie for the truly outstanding job he has done as the MSS commander. When we arrived at Gwangju, it came to my attention that we needed an MSS commander. I had only worked with Audie for about a week, but in that short time he stood out as a "Getter done!" professional officer. I knew Audie had lots of challenges on his plate as CE commander and I approached him with one more, a huge challenge. I asked him if he would take command of the 3rd AEG MSS. Without hesitation, he answered, "Sir, it would be an honor!" The rest is history as they say, and thanks in great part to Audie's leadership, our three months have been a resounding success. The remainder of my space I give to Maj. Artero for his farewell comments. Audie, you are a winner and I sincerely thank you for all you've done to make the 3rd AEG what it is today.



Specialist Pedro Llosa, second from left, 2-1 Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Battalion communications repairman specialist, Spc. Teresa Swiney, third from left, Headquarters Headquarters Battalion armoror, and Spc. Donald Swiney, second from right, 2-1 ADA Battalion operations specialist, eat a Thanksgiving meal with students from Honam University (HU) on Nov. 25. Thirteen Airmen and Soldiers from the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group, 35th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade and 2-1 ADA Battalion got a chance to share the American tradition of Thanksgiving with more than 40 students at the English Experience Learning Center at HU. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Arrowood)

Servicemembers celebrate Thanksgiving with students

By Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson

3rd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Celebrating Thanksgiving during a deployment is a unique experience in itself. But for 13 Airmen and Soldiers here, sharing Thanksgiving with more than 40 students at Honam University brought the unique experience of this American holiday to Korea and gave the students a taste of an annual tradition Nov. 25.

"Thanksgiving is a time when people get together with family and give thanks for all the good things that have happened over the past year," said Airman 1st Class Vanessa Henderson, 3rd Air Expeditionary Security Forces Flight patrolman. "Sharing this tradition was fun, and it was nice to get a little feeling of home."

During the Thanksgiving party at the English Experience Learning Center (EELC) on the Honam campus, the students were treated to traditional Thanksgiving turkey, cranberry sauce and pecan pie, and got a chance to enjoy holiday music. But what the students enjoyed most was the casual conversation and the feeling of friendship they received from the servicemembers.

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Farewell 3rd AEG

By Maj. Audie Artero
3rd Air Expeditionary Mission
Support Squadron Commander

For me, this was not 'just' another deployment by any stretch. At the start, I could tell this was going to be unique because I was initially tasked to be the 3rd Air Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Commander for the CE folks in Gwangju and Kunsan Air Base, Korea. As we worked through the issues as you would for any deployment, I started to find out that we were facing uncharted territory from the simple fact that there was no existing base support plan in place that matched our planned mission. Mix in that the mission will be operated from a host nation Collocated Operating Base in caretaker status managed by existing USAF permanent party combined with Kunsan and Kadena AB, Japan, (behind-the-scenes) support based on the requirement, plus sorting through Republic of Korea Air Force MOUs...say that fast ten times.

Upon arrival, we had to tackle CE issues that are faced with every beddown, deployment, then a new challenge...3rd Air Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron Commander. I definitely didn't see that coming but just another twist to the deployment that reiterated my gut feeling that this was not 'just' another deployment. But you know what, I wouldn't have changed anything.

As the mission support commander, new doors opened to broaden my horizons and grow as a manager and a leader. I had the wonderful opportunity to be part of a special group of individuals. As we were all growing into our military careers, it's this type of experience that helped me develop into a better person and, I would like to think, a better officer. Since I was exposed to more than CE operations, I learned more info than just to be dangerous. I've learned that we still have the greatest Air Force in the world and

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Colonel Dave Watson, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group Commander, gives a briefing about the mission of the 3rd AEG at the Gwangju International Center on Nov. 27. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Arrowood)

Commanders help clear up the issues

By 1st Lt. Charity Brandy
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Heading out towards the front gate to take up some of the wonderful Korean culture, only to find the front gate closed due to protest activity has not been uncommon to the servicemembers here. It also has not been uncommon to see various anti-American protest signs and stickers in the alley and streets surrounding the base. Many of the protests stem from misconceptions about the U.S. military presence here. In an effort to clear up some of the misconceptions, commanders from Gwangju Air Base participated as guest speakers at the weekly Gwangju International Center (GIC) meeting on Nov 27.

Colonel Dave Watson, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group Commander, Lt. Col. Larry Bowers, 90th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron Commander, and Lt. Col. Krewasky Salter, 2-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion Commander, spoke to the group of more than 30 guests about the various missions at Gwangju AB.

"I wanted to hold this meeting because I feel face-to-face interaction is often the best way to resolve issues," said Professor Shin Gyonggu, president of the Gwangju International Center. "This is the first time we have had a meeting on such a sensitive issue. We may have a difference of opinion, but we should still be able to talk cordially and remain friends."

The meeting began with introductions of the military members in attendance, followed by slide presentations explaining the missions of the 3rd AEG, 90th EFS and 2-1 ADA, with the intention of educating the community about the U.S. military presence in Gwangju. The meeting was then opened up for a question and answer period, during which several issues were addressed.

One main issue addressed was the concern that the U.S. would initiate an act of aggression by launching a Patriot missile into North Korea. However, this issue was clarified by educating the audience on the Patriot missile capability.

"The Patriot missile is used only in a defensive capacity to destroy incoming tactical ballistic missiles (TBMs) that threaten the specific area we are here to protect," said Lt. Col. Salter. "They are not designed to attack and will not be used to initiate any acts of aggression."

Some people in the Gwangju community are also concerned about occurrences of inappropriate and disorderly conduct from U.S. servicemembers. However, this has not been a problem.

"We officially stood up here September 1, have at least 100 servicemembers in

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Briefly Speaking

*December will bring cooler temperatures, with average highs of 45 degrees fahrenheit and lows of 29 degrees fahrenheit. December averages 25 days of temperatures below freezing. Average rainfall for the month is 2.1 inches. Average snowfall for the month is 8.6 inches with an average of less than 1.5 inches per occurrence. Gwangju gets approximately eight days of snow for the month of December. Winds are typically northerly around 10 mph with rare gusty conditions. Morning fog and hazy conditions will be a factor.

***The Public Affairs Office is looking for volunteers for community relations opportunities. For more information, stop by Bldg. 2107, Room 5 or call 1st Lt. Charity Brandy, 786-6140, or Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson, 786-6964.**

*The base chapel holds Protestant services Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the base theater. Bible Study is Wednesdays at 7 p.m., at the Prayer Chapel in Bldg. 214, Room 313. Catholic mass is Sundays at 2 p.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. For chapel information call, 786-6024.

***Be a good ambassador. For more information about customs and courtesies here, visit the newcomers web site at www.kunsan.af.mil.**

*The Hometown News Release Program is an excellent way to keep your family and friends informed of your successes. Come by the Public Affairs Office and fill out a DD Form 2266 and let people know what you're doing for your country. For more information about the program, call Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson at 786-6964.

Rules for dating my daughter!

**By Chief Master Sgt. Charles F. Keenhold
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Command Chief Master Sergeant**

In light of the Air Force's concern with sexual assault, many have been asking for me to share these rules. I am the father of a 19-year-old daughter. I believe strongly that a protective, loving, supportive, non-abusive dad should be in every daughter's life. I have worked hard to be these things. However, boys entered my daughter's life at age 16. I hope you enjoy the "rules". Feel free to use the rules anyway you wish.



1. My daughter's name is not "Mama", "Hoochie", "Babe", or any other name currently in the vocabulary of your age group identifying young women. If I hear any of these other terms used to refer to my sweet girl, you will get an immediate response from me, her father.
2. I am her father. You can call me "Sir". This is as in "Yes Sir", "No Sir", "I wouldn't think of it, Sir", and "I will remember that good advice, Sir."
3. Do not touch my daughter in front of me as it may provoke an uncontrollable and probably overly aggressive response on my part. You may glance at her as long as your glances are from the neck up.
4. When a woman says "No" it means "No"! However, when my daughter says "No" it means if you do not immediately stop what you are doing, she will tell her Daddy and very soon, when you are alone and least expect it, I will be standing behind you in the dark with a grin on my face waiting for you to turn around so you and me can have a "friendly" chat.
5. If you stop in front of my house and honk, you had better be delivering a pizza. If I learn you are honking for my daughter I will come outside and twist off your honker. Also, be aware I will be observing to see if she opens her own car door. I open the door for my mother, my wife, my daughter and any other woman who gets in my car. You should do the same. However, if I ever get into your car, please do not open my door.
6. When you meet me for the first time, please do not be uncomfortable if I stare at you. I am only doing this so I can cement the memory of what you look like into my mind. This, of course, is in case I have to come after you for violating one of the rules. I would hate for there to ever be a case of mistaken identity involving an innocent bystander.
7. Please bring my daughter back home in the same shape she left in. Drive carefully. Protect her from drunks and obnoxious people. Do not coax her to try drugs or alcohol. Always be ready to use your body to get between her and any objects flying in her direction. Also, I expect her clothing to come back in the same condition it left in. You should know that I would not react well if I saw even one grass stain on any portion of her clothing.
8. Do not go to school and tell stories to your pals about my daughter, whether true or untrue. If you do, be prepared to explain to those same pals how that bruise got on your throat.
9. My daughter will always have a specific time in the evening when I expect her home. Please take this time seriously because I will not be able to sleep until I know she has safely returned home. If you bring her home late or, God forbid, the next morning, the camouflaged face looking in the window of your car will be mine.

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Showing that Eagle Spirit

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Douglas Arendsee
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Chaplain

There are three kinds of people: energy-givers, energy-wasters and energy-takers. Energy-givers light up a room when they enter. Energy-wasters simply absorb the light already in the room. Energy-takers light up a room whenever they leave it.

Energy-givers are people whose words, actions and attitudes make them an encouragement to others. Energy-wasters have a healthy mind and body but rely on others for inspiration and motivation. They are simply along for the ride. Energy-takers tend to be self-centered, overly critical and resistant to instruction. People often feel tired after being with this energy-draining person.

Energy-givers: praise others and pass on credit; reach out and make friends; are flexible and willing to work with change; enjoy learning new things; are alert to jobs needing to be done; and are of consistent good character.

Energy-wasters: take credit for themselves; talk only to friends; adjust as required while murmuring; learns but does nothing with it; waits to be asked; and character is based upon "how I feel at the moment."

Energy-takers: criticize others and expect credit; are self-centered and divisive; inflexible and stubborn; resist new ideas; try to get out of assignments; and has poor or negative character.

Go through the list and take a realistic inventory. In which category do you fit? In what category do you wish to fit? Attitudes and actions are a choice. What is yours? (Adapted from Culture, Character First!)



High-Soaring Eagle

Name: Staff Sgt. Raphael Rauer

Unit: 3rd Air Expeditionary Medical Flight

Homestation: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Time in service: 12 years

Favorite Gwangju food: Bulgogi and Kimchi

Favorite movie and Book: My favorite movie is "Star Wars" and my favorite book is "The Da Vinci Code".

Most memorable Gwangju experience: Sunrise in the morning. It reminds me of the Anchorage bowl in Alaska.

Commander's Action Line



The ACTION LINE is your opportunity to make Gwangju Air Base a better place to live, work and play. When you call 786-6140 or send e-mail to

actionline@osan.af.mil your comments will be recorded and staffed through the agency responsible for the action.

Please give your supervisor and chain of command the opportunity to work with you in answering questions and solving problems before calling the ACTION LINE. This will help me better serve your interests. Items of basewide interest to the Gwangju workforce will be published in the "Gwangju Eagle."

Q: Where did all the vacuum cleaners, ironing boards and irons go that were in storage closets and laundry rooms at lodging?

A: Unfortunately, they were checked out and used by other residents and never returned. I was briefed at a recent staff meeting and will get the word out to all lodging residents that this equipment needs to be returned immediately after use. With only having limited numbers of these items, maximizing their use is very important.

Q: It is unbearably hot on the third floor of Buildings 213 and 214. Even with the windows open and the fan on, the temperature is in the 80s. Is there anything that can be done?

A: Good News -- Our Civil Engineering folks have contacted the contractor, JWK, and re-engaged on the Building 213 and 214 heating issue. JWK responded with some heat adjustments for the entire facility. Unfortunately, floors cannot be isolated, so there will be more growing pains as JWK finds the right temperatures. Within the next couple of days, JWK should have the thermostats gauged at better temperatures to a more comfortable zone.

The Commander's ACTION LINE thanks all who submitted questions to this week's column! You may also continue to use the good ideas book in lodging and Camp Iron Eagle for questions and concerns you may have.

Eagles, go to <https://wwwmil.osan.af.mil/7af/3aeg/>, the Gwangju intranet site, for more news and information. http://www.osan.af.mil/3%20AEG/public_html/index.htm is the place to go and e-mail the public website to your families and friends back home. Also, fill out a hometown news release and tell your family and friends back home about all your success.

Military families given free shipping materials

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- With so many military families scrambling to ship holiday care packages to their loved ones deployed around the world, U.S. Postal Service officials are stepping in to make things a bit easier.

They are offering free packing materials. A special kit includes 10 boxes; 10 customs forms with envelopes; 10 "Mili-Pac" shipping envelopes, which are specially printed for military mailing addresses; and a roll of Priority Mail tape.

Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan said they started the service Oct. 25 as an extension of an offer it provides to all mailers. By calling a toll-free number, anyone can request free shipping materials.

Ms. Brennan said postal officials were getting deluged with requests from military families -- about 1,000 calls a day since late September. In response, they developed the special kit containing the most popular items ordered to send packages to the troops, she said.

To order the special kit, call (800) 610-8734 and request Care Kit 4. Ms. Brennan said officials will ship it by Priority Mail; delivery is usually within a couple of days.

Although the packing materials are free, shippers must still pay normal postage costs, Ms. Brennan said.

USPS and Military Postal Service officials work hand in hand to support troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Ms. Brennan said mail centers in New York, San Francisco and Miami have processed more than 100 million pounds of mail for deployed troops since early 2003. At its high point, mail volume to the Persian Gulf region reached 400,000 pounds a day, she said.

Since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, more than 650 dedicated contract flights have carried mail to the region. A daily 747-series freighter carries military mail to Southwest Asia, Ms. Brennan said.

The number of contract flights carrying mail to the region more than doubled in mid-November, she said, and they are expected to remain at that level through late December.

Tent (Lodging) safety did you know?

*Fire can consume an entire tent in one minute!
Don't overload your circuits or use unauthorized electrical items.

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"The military members have been so nice to us every time they come to the university," said Park Jung Woo, an English student at Honam University. "Our Thanksgiving party would not have been the same without them here to share the meaning of the holiday with us. This is something we will never forget and will forever appreciate."

Since the arrival of the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group, 35th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade and 2-1 ADA Battalion to Gwangju, the Airmen and Soldiers here have had a chance to participate in several community relations events at the university. They have participated in the opening of the EELC, an American food festival, two American/Korean exchange nights, a weekly English teaching class and the Thanksgiving party, which have all helped enhance learning at the English department of the university and give students a better view of America.

"The Thanksgiving party is another successful event that has helped us in our efforts to teach English and open the students to a positive American experience," said Dr. Joo-Kyung Park, EELC Director and a professor of English language and literature at the HU. "We appreciate everything the military members at Gwangju Air Base have done to reach out to our students here. I know our students have enjoyed the interaction with them as I hope they have enjoyed the interaction with the students. I hope it is a relationship that continues for a long time."

To wrap up the evening's events, Dr. Michael Engleberg, an English professor at HU, and Col. Dave Watson, 3rd AEG Commander, gave a speech about the history of Thanksgiving and the traditional foods that are consumed on that day.

"I learned some things about Thanksgiving that I did not know before this trip," said Specialist Pedro Llosa, 2-1 ADA Battalion communications repairman specialist. "I really enjoyed myself and I look forward to continuing the positive relationship we have with the university well into the future."



Spreading turkey love on Thanksgiving

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Isaac Smith, Alpha 2-1 Patriot system technician, serves lunch to a guest during the Thanksgiving brunch on Nov. 25. Airmen and Soldiers from the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group, 35th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Brigade and 2-1 ADA Battalion hosted more than 100 distinguished guests. Attendees included Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, 8th Army Commander, Brig. Gen. Richard McCabe, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Commander, Brig. Gen. Kwon Young Woo, Republic of Korea Air Force 1st Fighter Wing Commander, more than 20 ROKAF 1st FW Airmen and more than 50 Gwangju City community leaders. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Charity Brandy)



A new name, same mission

The 2-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion redesignates the Delta Battery flag in a ceremony redesignating the Delta Battery to the Alpha Battery on Nov. 23. The redesignation keeps the batteries in sequential order with the future Charlie and Delta batteries at Kunsan Air Base, Korea. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. James Arrowood)

Customs info you should know

By Capt. Thomas Dobbs

3rd Air Expeditionary Group Legal Office

Below are some highlights from the U.S. Customs publication rules on bringing items acquired in Korea back into the U.S.:

1. \$800 Exemption: You must declare to Customs at the airport everything you've acquired while in South Korea that is in your possession at the airport. However, \$800 worth of personal items is duty free. So, as long as the stuff you're declaring at the airport is not worth more than \$800, you won't pay any tax.

2. Mailing: The items that you mailed home either as gifts to other people or to yourself do not have to be declared to Customs at the airport when you fly home. There are, however, dollar limits on the value of the items that can be sent home tax-free.

A. Gifts: You can mail up to \$100 per day worth of goods tax-free as a gift to any one individual. You can give \$100 worth of gifts each day to as many people as you wish. However, any gift to any one person worth more than \$100 is subject to being taxed. The tax is collected from the addressee when they receive the box. You can mail gifts for multiple persons in a single box, but each person's gift must be individually wrapped and labeled with each specific person's name. Also, you should write on the customs disclosure form: "Consolidated Gift Package", and the name of each gift recipient along with a listing of the gifts they are receiving and their dollar value. **WARNING:** If there is any gift in the consolidated package that is worth over \$100, then all the contents of the box can be taxed.

B. Personal: You can mail home to yourself up to \$200 worth of stuff tax-free.

C. Alcohol: You may bring up to a one-liter bottle of alcohol back duty free. There is no limit on additional bottles, but you will pay taxes.

D. Tobacco: You cannot bring cigarettes back to the U.S.

E. Perfume: Any perfume that contains alcohol and is worth more than \$5 is subject to being taxed.

F. Fine art and Antiques: Fine art (like paintings) and antiques more than 100-years-old can be brought back to the U.S. tax-free.

AF fixing pay issues

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- In testimony before Congress on Nov. 18, the Air Force's finance director said there are issues with the service's pay system, but officials are tackling them.

Michael Montelongo, assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management, told the Senate Armed Services Committee subcommittee on readiness and management support that Air Force officials are using an approach similar to the Army's to deal with pay issues involving reservists and guardsmen.

"(We are) bringing together the different (areas) involved in the total-pay process," Mr. Montelongo said. "We set up a (council) where we ... work on

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downtown Gwangju each weekend and have not had a single incident in the time we have been here," said Col. Watson. "One goal I set as commander of the 3rd AEG was to ensure my people are good ambassadors in the community. We have met that goal 100 percent."

The deployment of F-15E Strike Eagles was also an issue, as one person expressed concerns about air pollution. That concern was also addressed.

"The F-15E Strike Eagle does not cause any more pollution than the Korean F-5 Phantom," said Lt. Col. Bowers. "We literally get our fuel from the same source as the F-5s, so the community does not have to worry about different fuel causing air pollution."

While the meeting may not have changed the minds of everyone, it was beneficial to address concerns and clear up the misunderstandings and inaccurate information people had.

"I am very grateful for the commanders taking the time to talk with us about these issues," said Prof. Shin. "We may still leave here with different opinions, but we will have a better understanding of each other."

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three areas: integrating the people involved in the process, making sure our processes are as integrated as possible and doing some of the near-term fixes in our personnel (and) pay systems so that we mitigate ... pay problems."

These areas include the Air Force's personnel and finance communities and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the Department of Defense-level agency responsible for paying every American servicemember.

In the past, pay issues have risen from disconnects between at least two of those areas -- those internal to the Air Force. Total money to an Airman, beyond base pay, is based on entitlements -- meaning a pay is calculated by actions taken by both the finance and personnel Airmen.

The failure of one to report in a timely manner to the other that an Airman has been deployed could result in a pay issue.

Nevertheless, Air Force officials' work to bridge the gap has alleviated some of the problems.

"While we still have some issues, we are managing those, and they are not at the alarm level," Mr. Montelongo said.



Team Spotlight

The 3rd Air Expeditionary Services Flight Fitness Center team provides fitness center services to more than 1000 Airmen and Soldiers. The team created and managed a towel service contract, developed a process to ensure water is provided to all users, and volunteered to work odd hours so that members can utilize services around the clock. They make it a point to always look for ways to provide new fitness activities for servicemembers. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. James Arrowood)



An F-15E Strike Eagle from the 90th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and an F-15C Eagle from the 12th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron refuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker during a flight from Kadena Air Base, Japan. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

Dicemen deploy to Kadena

By Maj. David Drichta
90th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

The Dicemen of the 90th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron deployed six F-15E Strike Eagles 650 miles south-southeast to Kadena Air Base, Japan from Nov. 15 to 19. Eighteen weapon systems officers (WSOs) and pilots, along with 34 Strike Eagle maintainers and life support technicians, flew to Japan in order to train in the Fifth Air Force area of operation. This valuable exchange enabled the Dicemen to combine training with F-15C Eagles from the 12th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, F-15Cs and KC-135 Stratotankers of the 18th Fighter Wing at Kadena, and F-18 Hornets from Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma, Japan.

Our maintenance personnel generated 24 sorties in three days in addition to the 12 deployment and redeployment sorties. Dicemen aircrew quickly used these sorties to train to complex air combat maneuvering scenarios with the dissimilar squadrons. Our air-to-air killing skills were improved from one-on-one fights all the way up to four vs. four defensive counter-air scenarios. The air-to-air focus allowed us to push the jets to their maximum performance. They were also able to get air-to-air refueling currency training from the KC-135s of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron based at Kadena.

While at Kadena, the 12th EFS Operations and Maintenance personnel hosted and provided support both on and off the flightline. The duty hours were often more than 12 hours, but 3rd Air Expeditionary Group members also took the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the large base at Kadena.

The deployment yielded perspective on operations in another area of Pacific Air Forces, and proved once again the lethal possibilities that are brought to bear when the 90th EFS is in theatre.

3rd AEG Monthly Award Winners (October Award Winners)

3rd Air Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

NCO of the Month
Staff Sgt. Wesley Dietrich

Airman of the Month
Airman 1st Class David Harris

3rd Air Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron

CGO of the Month
Capt. Thomas Dobbs

Senior NCO of the Month
Master Sgt. Geraldo G. Lunod

NCO of the Month
Staff Sgt. Oshawn Jefferson

Airman of the Month
Airman 1st Class Jeffrey A. Rueben

(Editor's Note: Supervisors remember to reward your Airmen for all their hard work on the job and in the community here. Submissions for November monthly award winners will be due soon. Submit your Airmen and recognize their excellence in all they do.)

Military TSP Tips

- Military members can contribute up to 10 percent of their base pay, as long as the annual total of tax-deferred investment doesn't exceed \$14,000 for 2005. Airmen also have the ability to invest all or part of their bonuses or special pay.
- Those serving in tax-free combat zones are allowed up to \$41,000 in annual contributions.
- Military members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/emss/>. They can also enroll by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at local military personnel flights, finance offices and family support centers.
- Contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the five funds) can be made by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine (1-877- 968-3778 for employees in the 50 States, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and Canada; 1 (504)-255-8777 for employees elsewhere), or on the TSP web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/>.



Secretary Roche submits letter of resignation

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche submitted his resignation Nov. 16. Secretary Roche said he plans on leaving his position Jan. 20 or sooner if his successor is confirmed by the Senate by then. He has led the Air Force since 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)

F-15E Strike Eagle Fun Facts

Mission

The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. An array of avionics and electronics systems gives the F-15E the capability to fight at low altitude, day or night, and in inclement weather and perform its primary function as an air-to-ground attack aircraft.

Features

The aircraft uses two crew members, a pilot and a weapon systems officer. Previous models of the F-15 are assigned air-to-air roles; the "E" model is a dual-role fighter. It has the capability to fight its way to a target over long ranges, destroy enemy ground positions and fight its way out.

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it's because of people like you who were deployed here at the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group and in-theater to make this realization a reality. It's not just a total Air Force, but a Total Force. As we continue to meet the AEF demands, it's a small Air Force and a small military, and it will be an honor and a privilege to work for and with everyone again in the future. Si Y'uus M'asse and a big heart-felt thanks to all who made this deployment a wonderful experience and not just another deployment.





























GWANGJU FITNESS CENTER

THIRD AEG FITNESS CALENDAR

2004

PHONE IN TO RESERVE COURTS (786-6940) * SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CIRCIT & WEIGHT TRAINING IS OPEN GYM DAILY. ASK FOR ASSISTANCE, OR SET YOUR OWN PACE	Basketball Mon, Wed, & Fri 1900 – 2100 Volley Ball Tue & Thur 1900 – 2100 KARATE 1730-1900	Need a Towel? Towels Available Call 786-6940 to Reserve a Time for your Unit Activity Indoor/Outdoor KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 1 FUN RUN 0630 Basketball 1900-2100 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 2 Volley Ball 1900-2100 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 3  3 on 3 Basketball Tournament 1900 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 4 OPEN GYM KARATE 1100-1200
AF PE 5  Volleyball Tournament 1500 OPEN GYM	AF PE 6 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 7 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 8 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 9 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 10  3 Point Shoot-Out Tournament 1900 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 11 OPEN GYM KARATE 1100-1200
AF PE 12  OPEN GYM	AF PE 13 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 14 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 15 FUN RUN 0630 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 16 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 17  3 on 3 Basketball Tournament 1900 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 18 OPEN GYM KARATE 1100-1200
AF PE 19  Volleyball Tournament 1500 OPEN GYM	AF PE 20 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 21 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 22 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 23 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 24  3 Point Shoot-Out Tournament 1900 KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 25 OPEN GYM KARATE 1100-1200
AF PE 26 OPEN GYM 	AF PE 27 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 28 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 29 FUN RUN 0630 Basketball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 30 Volley Ball 1900-2100  KARATE 1730-1900	AF PE 31 Basketball 1900-2100 	
SEE South Korea Call MWR at X6015 for other Off Base Trips, Tours, Over Night Happenings!		Sign Up at the GYM for Using the Outdoor Soccer Field		AF PE code = SIT-UPS, PUSH-UPS, 1 ½ MILE RUN CHECK OUT THE GYM! RACKET BALL, BASKETBALL, WEIGHTS, AEROBICS, CARDIO, Indoor/Outdoor and OTHER STUFF!		

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DECEMBER

Yoda's Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 YODAS SOCIAL HOURS WITH HOT WINGS 1900-2200	2 COMEDY NIGHT DOMINOES 1900	3 VARIETY MUSIC Night TEXAS HOLDEM TOURNAMENT 1800	4 VARIETY MUSIC Night ALL DAY DART TOURNAMENT 0900
5 LATIN MUSIC Night	6 NFL FOOTBALL SPADES 1900	7 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEER SPECIALS	8 YODAS SOCIAL HOURS WITH HOT WINGS 1900-2200	9 YODAS CLOSE AT 1700 FOR MSS CHRISTMAS PARTY	10 VARIETY MUSIC Night DARTS 1900	11 LIVE TOMMY Z BAND 1900
12 R&B Night HEARTS	13 NFL FOOTBALL FOOSBALL 1900	14 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEER SPECIALS BEER SPECIALS	15 YODAS SOCIAL HOURS WITH HOT WINGS 1900-2200	16 Country Night SPADES 1800	17 VARIETY MUSIC Night DOMINOES 1900	18 VARIETY MUSIC Night 8 BALL DOUBLE ELATIONS 1900
19 RED, WHITE, AND BLUE SANTA DARTS ALL DAY	20 NFL FOOTBALL SPADES 1900	21 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEER SPECIALS PING PONG DOUBLES 1900	22 YODAS SOCIAL HOURS WITH HOT WINGS 1900-2200	23 Jazz & Slow Jams HEARTS 1900	24 VARIETY MUSIC Night FOOSBALL DOUBLES 1900	25 MARRY CHRISTMAS
26 R & B Night DOMINOES 1900	27 NFL FOOTBALL 9 BALL DOUBLES 1900	28 MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEER SPECIALS	29 YODAS SOCIAL HOURS WITH HOT WINGS 1900-2200	30 Country Night	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR	

**YOU CAN NOW
GET KEGS AT
YODAS**

**DON'T FORGET
ABOUT YODAS
SOCIAL HOURS
ON WENESDAY
NIGHT FROM
1900-2200**

PRIZES WILL START TO
BE AWARDED FOR
Tournament
WITH 10 OR MORE
INDIVIDUALS
AND 8 OR MORE
TEAMS PLAYERS

**YODAS REMIND
YOU TO DRINK
SENSIBLY WHILE
IN KOREA**

December 2004 MWR Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	2 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	3 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	4 <div>Osan Overnight Trip</div> Commissary BX Run to Kunsan AB Departs at 0800	
6 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	7 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	8 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	9 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	10 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	11 <div>Osan Overnight Trip</div> Commissary Bx Run to Kunsan AB Departs at 0800	
13 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	14 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	15 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	16 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	17 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	18 <div>Osan Overnight Trip</div> Commissary BX Run to Kunsan AB Departs at 0800	
20 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	21 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	22 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	23 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	24 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	25 <div>Osan Overnight Trip</div> Commissary BX Run to Kunsan AB Departs at 0800	
27 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	28 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	29 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	30 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>	31 Eagle Day Work Hard and Be <u>Safe</u>		

GWANGJU LODGING DECEMBER 2004

Lodging also has DVD/VHS tapes.
2 Movies for 2 Days.

Also Available:

- Hot coffee is being served at the lodging lobby.
- Catch up on current events (News, Sports, and Weather)
- Relax and Enjoy the comfort of our Dayroom.
- We have vending machines, DVD&VHS players.

